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**Request for Reconsideration**

In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application. The Examiner has rejected claim 1 of the present application, together with claims 2 and 5-7, all depending from claim 1, as obvious over Kimura in view of Saunders and Chen. The Examiner has rejected claims 3-4 and 8 as obvious over Kimura in view of Saunders, Chen, and what the Examiner considers to be well-known prior art.

**Remarks**

The above-listed claims 1-8 are all apparatus claims. The application also includes independent method claim 9, and method claims 10-18 depending from claim 9. The Examiner has asserted that the apparatus claims are related to the method claims as inherent implementations thereof. On that ground, the Examiner has taken the same rejection that was applied to the apparatus claims, and applied it to the entire set of method claims as well.

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